

## Bold Jack Donahue

### **BOLD JACK DONAHUE 5103 B**

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Come all you jolly highway men and outlaws of the land  
Whose kind do live in slavery or wear a convict's brand.  
Attention pay to what I say and value it if you do  
While I relate the natural- a fate of Bold Jack Donahue.

This bold adopted highwayman as you may understand  
Transported by a natural life from Ireland's happy land  
From Dublin down while I reknown his first breath he drew  
His deeds of honor entitle him to Bold Jack Donahue.

When he effected his escape to rob he went straightway  
The people were afraid of him to travel night or day  
For every day in the newspapers they were reading of something new  
Concerning this bold highwayman called Bold Jack Donahue.

Will Wright, McClellan, Bill Collins and also Winselow  
These were the four associates of Bold Jack Donahue.

Bold Donahue and his comrades rode out one afternoon  
Not thinking of the hands of death that may o'er sail them soon  
But acurst police to their surprise they quickly rode in view  
And in quick turn they did advance to take Bold Donahue.

Bold Donahue to his comrades: if you prove true to me  
Be willing, be bold, be upright, be legally firm and true  
This day we'll gain our liberty said bold Jack Donahue.

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Oh no, said cowardly Winselow to that we won't agree For you see there are 15 of them  
and it's best for us to flee For if we stay we'll lose the day and battle we will rue Be gone  
from me you cowardly dog said Bold Jack Donahue.

The sergent unto Donahue: what do you carobine Will you attempt to fight us or unto us  
resign To surrender to such cowardly dogs is something I never would do I'll fight this day  
until I die said Bold Jack Donahue.

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The sergeant and the corporal their men they did divide While some rode in behind him  
and others at his side The sergeant fired at him and the people fired too

Nine men he forced to bite the dust before the fatal ball Had pierced the heart of Donahue  
which caused him for to fall And when he closed his trembling eyes he bid this world adieu  
Dear Christians all pray for the soul of Bold Jack Donahue.